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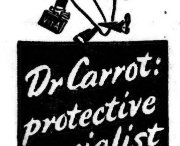

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Watch these carrot recipes — and feed well!

Golden Barley Soup

Grate or mince 2 lbs. carrots, put with 1 small teacupful barley into 1 quart water and simmer for 2½ hours, when the barley should be jellified and the carrots quite tender. Roll a piece of margarine the size of a walnut in 1 tablespoonful flour, and stir into the soup. Cook fast for 8 minutes. Season with pepper and salt. A recipe that has been tested, tasted, and found good!

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TRAGIC LEAVE

RAMSGATE MAN'S DEATH

Evacuated with the B.E.F. from Dunkirk, Cpl. Gilbert Benjamin John Colgate, R.A.S.C., of Ramsgate, died suddenly while on leave in Stafford last week.

A married man with two daughters, Cpl. Colgate, who was 44 years of age, was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Colgate, formerly of Arklow-square, Ramsgate, and now living in Stafford.

Cpl. Colgate's widow is engaged in the Civil Defence nursing services at Ramsgate. He was on his way home when he broke his journey at Stafford to visit his mother and father. He collapsed and died in the street before reaching their war-time home.

An old boy of St. George's School, Cpl. Colgate served with The Buffs in India during the last war.

SCHOOL'S PROUD RECORD

OLD RUYMIANS ON SERVICE

Although "many of the choicest items of news" have had to be excluded owing to censorship restrictions, the Old Ruymian notes admirably edited by Mr. L. C. Philpott in the latest issue of "Ruym," magazine of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, contain several pages of information concerning the activities of Old Ruymians in every sphere of war.

In this connection the editorial article states:

". . . So by the department of our old boys do we see the quality of the school training. In America, Africa, and Asia; in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Mediterranean; in the Army, Air Force, and Navy is the school represented. Ever increasing is the number of Old Ruymians in the services. All have acquitted themselves well; many have distinguished themselves and the school by acts of valour; some have paid the supreme sacrifice. Rightly is the school proud of them."

One of the most interesting letters quoted by "Ruym" came from A. R. Page, on service in the Navy, who, after his exploits at Dunkirk, off the West African coast and at Genoa, took part in the Spitzbergen episode and in the battle of the North Cape.

A Desolate Land.

His letter described Spitzbergen as being indescribably desolate, with no trees, grass or flowers, and consisting principally of high rocky mountains, snow-capped and rising straight from the sea, covered on their lower slopes with a kind of brown moss, and intersected by great glaciers over ten miles wide. On the lower levels there is little or no permanent snow owing to the terrific winds that prevail. The Aurora Borealis is very apparent and consequently radio reception is poor, while the fauna is confined to polar bears, seal, walrus and Arctic fox. The only birds are terns of a pale plumage, and the glacial waters keep away the sea-fish.

The coal mines, the destruction of which was the object of the expedition, are half-way up the mountains and are connected with the foreshore by an intricate system of rope carriers, and the normal dump of shore coal was about 150,000 tons. There were apparently two settlements on the island, one Norwegian and the other Russian. The former was visited first and the inhabitants were very friendly but they had no wish to leave. The Government was on the former Norwegian pattern, but the Russian settlement was ruled by a Soviet of miners; there was but little contact between the two. The Russians did not conceal their pleasure at being repatriated to their homeland.

Hun Convoy Destroyed.

The Russian section was transferred to Archangel, where the British ships were met by a section of the Soviet Navy, of which Page has formed a high opinion. The British sailors were not allowed to land, much to their disappointment, but a day later they returned to Spitzbergen to take on board the Norwegians.

Having disposed of this convoy safely, they set out for a search of Hun merchant ships which were known to be using this route. Soon they were on the track of an enemy convoy, and after disposing of the escort, they set to work on the ships themselves, and one gathers that few if any escaped. One at least was sunk by a misfired German torpedo.

The sixth list of old boys of Chatham House School on active service, published in "Ruym," brings the total to 500, not including eight members of the staff.

50 YEARS IN UNIFORM

COMMANDER HEWLETT'S RETIREMENT

In a bumper Christmas number of the East Cliff (Ramsgate) Scouts' "News Letter," Cdr. R. S. Hewlett, who is retiring from the Coastguard service on 3rd February, announces that although he is leaving Ramsgate he will continue to publish the "News Letter" and that alternative accommodation has been placed at the disposal of the troop by the Congregational Church in the hall formerly used by the Boys' Brigade.

Of his approaching retirement, Cdr. Hewlett writes: "I have been in uniform, man and boy, for close on half a century and I think I am reasonably entitled to a bit of a 'stand off' while I am still able to stand! That, I need scarcely say, does not mean doing nothing—there are Scouts, for instance!—but a life which is not bound up in 'red tape' and restricted by 'rules and regulations' will indeed be a change. 'Change of occupation is recreation,' so I hope to be 're-created' in an atmosphere free from telephones, inspections, returns, reports and so on."

From Horror to Hope.

After quoting extracts from interesting letters received from old members of the troop now engaged in the war effort in all parts of the world, Cdr. Hewlett refers to the end of another year and writes:

"For some, indeed, it may have brought happiness—marriage, the birth of children, promotion and so on, but for many it has brought sorrw and loss. And if we think of the subjugated countries now groaning under the Nazi heel, there are no words to express the horror and agony which their peoples have endured and are still enduring—hunger, cold, misery, the concentration camps and the brutal tortures of the Gestapo, beside which the firing squad must indeed be merciful.

"Again and again people say 'How can these things be if there is a God of Love?' Well, you may be a loving father yourself, but if your children ignore your teaching and your commands and start fighting and battering each other, that is not your fault, is it? When mankind decides to try God's way of living and to follow His commands, things will be very different.

"And so we turn to the coming year with hope, without which the outlook would be bleak indeed. Hope in the 'rightness' and steadfastness of our purpose: hope in the ever growing might of our arms and that of our allies; but most of all, hope in the God of Battles Who alone giveth the Victory."

AID FOR RUSSIA

RAMSGATE'S FINE RESPONSE

Ramsgate on Saturday demonstrated in a practical way its sympathy with our ally by contributing approximately £120 to the flag day organised by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) on behalf of Mrs. Churchill's Red Cross Aid for Russia Fund.

The result is extremely gratifying in view of the difficulty experienced in enlisting the aid of collectors.

The Mayor himself headed the list of collectors, his boxes containing £9 1s. 9d.

BROADSTAIRS FLAG DAY RESULT

The sum of £33 14s. 3d. was raised on behalf of Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund by the flag day held at Broadstairs.

NEIGHBOURS COMPLAINED

CARELESSNESS ABOUT LIGHTS

Complaints by neighbours about lights which had been seen in the house were referred to by the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) at Ramsgate police court on Monday when Miss Lottie Hobbs, aged 50, of Ellington-road, was summoned for permitting a light to show after black-out on the evening of 11th December.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) read a letter from defendant in which she said she regretted that she had received such a summons but would be unable to attend court. Her mother had just died after having been ill for many years. The light from a candle shone out into the road. At the time she was resting in bed alone in the house in great pain.

The Chief Constable said he wondered whether the defendant could attend court.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said he knew her and she was very unwell.

The Chief Constable: It might have greater weight if she came here.

The Chairman: I don't think she is fit to come.

The Chief Constable said he would explain his reason for making the suggestion at a later stage in the proceedings.

Would Not Open Door.

P/S Wait said that at 7.40 p.m. on 11th December he went to Ellington-road, where he met W/R Lucas. He saw a light shining from the bedroom window of defendant's house, facing Codrington-road. The window was partially covered but there was a strip along the top and down the side from which a bright light was shining. W/R Lucas had been trying to get some answer and had in fact broken in but was unable to find anyone as he could not break through an inner door.

Witness said he knocked for about a quarter of an hour and eventually defendant came to the door. She would not open the door to him and he told her that unless she put the light out or covered it up he would have to break in. Shortly afterwards the light was covered up.

The Chief Constable said he understood that defendant's mother had died recently and it might be that she was not very well. The unfortunate part about it was that there had been quite a number of complaints to wardens in that district of carelessness about lights in the house. It was for that reason that he wanted to try and get some impression made on the woman to take greater precautions.

Mr. Knight: Is she living alone?

P/S Wait: Yes, but she won't answer the door to anyone.

The Chief Constable said the carelessness was probably due to the fact that defendant did not appreciate the importance of the matter.

The Chairman announced that defendant would be fined £1.

MORE CHRISTMAS EXTENSIONS

Six more applications on behalf of licensed houses for an extension of the permitted hours until 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve were granted by the magistrates at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

IN BOMBED HOUSE

GUNNER SENT FOR TRIAL

A soldier charged with stealing from a bombed Broadstairs house was committed for trial at Kent Assizes in February when he appeared before the Cinque Ports magistrates at Margate on Monday.

Gnr. Edward Stanley Thompson, aged 36, was charged with breaking and entering premises situated in an area which had been subjected to enemy air attack and which had been damaged by war operations.

It was alleged that at Winchester Lodge, St. Peter's Park-road, Broadstairs, on 8th November, he stole a woman's handbag, manicure set, gloves, small handbag, comb, powder compact, cigarette case, small green manicure set, silk scarf, three handkerchiefs, sachet, nail polisher, combined whistle and compass, small fruit knife, silver brooch, gold tie-pin, six assorted brooches and a small silver wrist watch, together valued at £4 13s. 3d., the property of Cyril Caradoc Harris.

Mr. G. W. Hardman, who appeared for the prosecution, said Winchester Lodge was unoccupied but furnished. The rear ground floor window had been blown out but was temporarily repaired, water-proof covering having been fixed over it.

Handbag in His Kit.

On 11th November two police officers found that the covering was torn and there was evidence that someone had been in the premises. At a kit inspection a woman's handbag containing the articles mentioned in the charge was found in defendant's kit. He afterwards frankly admitted the theft.

Cyril Caradoc Harris, a schoolmaster of Hednesford, Staffordshire, who left his home at Broadstairs in June, 1940, owing to war conditions, said it had been twice damaged by enemy action. He identified the articles mentioned in the charge when he visited Broadstairs police station on 22nd November.

An officer stated that on 14th November, when the handbag was found in defendant's kit, Gnr. Thompson admitted he had stolen it. He was placed under arrest and taken to the police station.

P/C Holl, K.C.C., stationed at Broadstairs, said the waterproof material covering the damaged window had apparently been torn by the weather and the tear was large enough to admit of entry being obtained to the house. Witness entered through the tear and found signs of someone having been in the house.

When witness charged him with store-breaking, Thompson made a statement admitting that he entered the premises on a Saturday night at about 10.30 by climbing through the rear window, the covering of which had already been torn. He also admitted taking the handbag and added "I don't know what made me do it, but I had had plenty of beer."

Mr. Harris, recalled, said none of the articles was in the handbag when he went away. They were in cupboards and drawers in different parts of the house.

The accused was granted bail, pending his trial at Kent Assizes in February.

PRESUMED MISSING

RAMSGATE A/B ON H.M.S. PRINCE OF WALES

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Germaine, of 10 Park Cottages, West Dumpton, Ramsgate, who had been anxiously awaiting news of their son, A/B John Germaine, a member of the crew of H.M.S. Prince of Wales, received a telegram from the Admiralty on Friday to say that he was not reported among the list of survivors and must be presumed missing.

Twenty-two years of age, A/B Germaine, who was previously employed as a plumber, joined the Navy shortly before the outbreak of war, and before being transferred to the Prince of Wales had been twice saved from ships that were sunk.

He was serving on the Prince of Wales when the historic meeting took place aboard between Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt.

A veteran of the last war, Mr. T. D. Germaine has two other sons serving with the forces.

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CORDIAL COURT

MAGISTRATES' CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The happy relationship existing between magistrates, police, solicitors and press was exemplified by an exchange of Christmas greetings at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

After the only case before the court had been disposed of the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said he wished, on behalf of the bench, to express to the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) and the able force under his control, to the solicitors practising at the court, and to the press best wishes for as happy a Christmas as they could expect under present circumstances. He hoped they would all be spared for another 12 months and that the conditions then would be much happier and much brighter.

The Chief Constable said they appreciated greatly the cordial relationship existing between the bench, solicitors, police and press. They were all anxious to help in the administration of justice. He hoped that before another Christmas came round the dreadful conflict would be at an end.

Mr. J. H. Robinson, on behalf of the solicitors, said the relationship between the bench and the members of his profession had always been most cordial. They always knew they would get fair play.

BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

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THANET MEN AT TOBRUK

LIFE OF GALLANT DEFENDERS

A number of Thanet men, members of a battery of the Royal Artillery, played a gallant part in the defence of Tobruk, the besieged Libyan fortress which has been relieved during the British offensive in North Africa.

Among them was Sergt. Robert Saunders, son of the late Councillor E. Saunders, of Margate, whose mother lives at Northdown-road. Sergt. Saunders, who went to the Middle East with the battery nearly a year ago, has returned looking fit and well after six months at Tobruk, having been posted to a new establishment.

Among officers and n.c.os. he left with the battery were Major F. Donovan Boyd, Lieut. David Cobb, son of Mrs. P. Cobb, of Margate, B/Q/M/S Ovenden, of Margate, S/M Holman, of Ramsgate, Sergts. Larkins, Summers, Reeder, Mackenzie and Noble (son of Alderman W. R. Noble, of Margate), L/Sergt. Gorelick, Bdrs. J. Weller (formerly at Margate G.P.O.), C. McLean, T. Gore and F. Rogers, who also belong to Margate.

Lieut. G. U. Gore, who went overseas with the battery, has since been promoted major and posted to the military mission in Egypt.

Relatives Reassured.

While on leave, Sergt. Saunders has seen all the relatives he can of the Margate men, whom he left in fine fettle in September. He was able to inform them that letters had been arriving fairly quickly, although parcels took longer and that casualties had been comparatively few having regard to persistent and often intense air raids.

The battery, which moved up to man the heavy A.A. guns protecting the harbour at Tobruk in April, just before it was besieged, was eagerly waiting to be relieved when Sergt. Saunders left.

Travelling by lorries along the coast road, most of the battery, during a journey which occupied five days, saw broken-down Italian tanks lying on the roadside and across the desert. Sidi Barrani, Sollum and Bardia were deserted, having been battered to such an extent that only a few walls were standing in some parts. Cut off from Tobruk on the land route by the German advance, the remainder of the battery travelled by sea.

The Biggest Menace.

Sergt. Saunders found that sandstorms were the biggest menace to life out there. "When they blow up," he said, "they last for two or three days and you cannot see your hand in front of your face."

Describing life in Tobruk, a town slightly smaller than Westgate but with only one made-up road running through it, Sergt. Saunders said "There were no civilians left in the place. It had been badly battered by shells from the sea and there were about 15 wrecks in the harbour. The church stood for a long time without a scratch. Then one day a bomb fell at the back of it, blowing down one wall."

The battery took small tents with them but they could not use them on account of the wind, and for several nights they had to sleep out until they had made dug-outs in the rock, which became their quarters. The heat was terrific in the summer but in the winter, although it was hot during the day, the weather was freezing at night and the sand was covered with frost.

"We always had plenty of tinned food," said Sergt. Saunders. "There was a good stock left behind by the Italians, and we succeeded in keeping the harbour open—which was our main job—so that supplies were continually arriving by sea. We had petrol stoves on which to warm our bully beef and tins of a well-known brand of 'meat and veg.' Only twice did we have fresh meat, but it was not very fresh when it reached us.

"At first all the stores and supplies were brought up in daylight by trawlers, minesweepers and flat-bottomed boats but the enemy's dive-bombing put a stop to them coming, and destroyers took on the job, working during darkness. They were allowed two hours in the harbour in which to unload, and anything left on board at the end of that time was taken away again.

"All the wells, which provided the only water supply, had been polluted, and we had to use distilled sea water for drinking and cooking. We were rationed to three-quarters of a gallon a day per man for all purposes, so that we always had to wash ourselves and our clothes in the sea. Fortunately it is an ideal place for bathing, and we had plenty of it.

Nightly Air Raids.

"Taking it all round, life was not too bad, especially towards the end of the time when air raids eased off, but there was hardly a night without a raid. During the first part of the time we had two or three divebombing attacks every day, as well as high-level bombing. Naturally, the gun sites were the objective. When the war started in Russia raids became less frequent, and towards the end dive-bombing ceased.

"One particular attack started with a heavy artillery barrage from six o'clock in the evening until eight in the morning. Then three waves of dive-bombers came over. Two of them attacked the gun positions, while the other wave concentrated on the forward defences, where the tank traps were. They did little damage to the guns but smashed the tank traps, and 30 tanks were able to break through. Some of them ran into our mine field, and those which were not blown up were driven back. Finding they could not take the town they went on and left us. That was the only time that enemy tanks in any numbers broke through the outer defences. A few odd ones got through now and again."

ST. GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES

A midnight Holy Communion service will be held at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Christmas Eve. The service will begin at 11.45 p.m.

On Christmas Day there will be Communion at 8 a.m. and 11.30, with morning prayer at 10.30 a.m. The preacher will be the Vicar (Rev. C. R. Farnsworth).

Collections will be in aid of the Red Cross Russian Fund.

"Let no one think that 'after the war' will be an easy job. It will be grim, hard work, allowing no sitting back and watching the other fellow do it."—The Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Our Complete Short Story

Mrs. PURBECK'S FLUTTER

BY RAYMOND BRIDGEWAY

"This," said Halliwell, with his hand on the door knob of the partner's office, "this would happen when Mr. George is away."

Halliwell was not by nature a tactful man.

It annoyed Leslie Farnham that the managing clerk should regard it as a misfortune that Leslie's elder brother and senior partner in their stockbroking business should not be there to give a decision on what was in essence a perfectly simply question.

"Really, Halliwell, is it such a complex problem? Mrs. Purbeck has telephoned instructions to sell £10,000 of War Loan and invest the whole of the proceeds in Mugg Reefs at six bob."

"Those were the instructions, Mr. Leslie."

"Well, she's said it, hasn't she? You're satisfied that it was Mrs. Purbeck speaking?"

"I suppose so, Mr. Leslie. After all, she's not an active client. She has done nothing with us since her husband's estate was liquidated and we sold a few things for her."

"Well, if you suspect that anyone is impersonating her, ask for a written order. We're entitled to that at a pinch."

"Yes, but how am I to explain our request? And it isn't only a question of being uncertain that the instructions are genuine. She wants to switch from gilt-edged to rubbish."

"Well, tell her it is rubbish—not so bluntly as that, of course, Halliwell. Use the tact for which you're celebrated. Say it's not a transaction we should recommend if our opinion were sought. That's putting it mildly enough."

"It is, sir. After all, this War Loan seems to be the backbone of her investments. The rest don't amount to much, and she'll be risking the bulk of her income if she buys these rubbishy Muggs."

"Maybe; but we're not professional protectors of widows and orphans. She's a woman of full age, even if she has led what you call a cloistered life. Lawyer's relict, isn't she? . . . Well, she ought to know that there are a lot of wicked people in the world and some of them promote companies. Be off, Halliwell, and let me earn bread for my own prospective widow and orphans."

Halliwell was not discouraged. He felt a special responsibility for Mr. George's clients in Mr. George's absence, and moreover, he felt some stigma would rest on the old-established firm of Farnham and Farnham if it went into the market and bought such trash as Muggs.

Halliwell was confident that the widow's reply would show a proper gratitude for his attention to her interests and that she would cancel the order. But she did not.

"That's a raspberry, if ever there was one," said Leslie two days later, throwing Mrs. Purbeck's reply across the desk to Halliwell, "A raspberry of prize-winning dimensions."

The bold, flowing handwriting of the widow spread generously across three sheets of small notepaper from a private hotel where she spent most of the year, asked Messrs. Farnham bluntly to do as they were told, and to do it before Muggs advanced beyond their present price. So ten thousand pounds of stable War Loan were converted into Mugg Reef, and if a firm can sigh, Farnhams sighed when they dispatched the usual notes to the widow confirming the transaction.

II
The Missing Chapter.

Now, it is a tantalising fact that many of the best stories in life have their chapters scattered, as though Fate had deliberately dispersed pages of the tale and had ordained that the possessors of the various chapters should never meet to piece them together.

That happened to this story of Mrs. Purbeck's flutter. The middle portion of it was never revealed to Farnhams, and so the whole episode is, to the minds of the partners and to Mr. Halliwell, a profound mystery. Farnhams know only the beginning and the end, the middle portion is known to a couple of people in New Zealand, and neither of them is ever likely to link up with Farnhams. To one of them the story is an autumn romance, and to the other, just nothing.

The person to whom it is just nothing is one Charles Puddlestone, at the time of the occurrence, an under-gardener in a public park in Wellington.

One morning, going his rounds with a wheelbarrow emptying the waste-paper receptacles in the park, Puddlestone noticed under a seat, a chunk of folded paper, the kind that is used for overseas letters.

A glance at the chunk of folded paper would have told any understanding person that it was part of one of those long, chatty letters which people in the Old Country send to friends and relatives abroad. The opening portion was missing, but the closing lines showed that it was the letter of a woman, Sybil, to her sister.

Charlie, picking up the paper, had noticed the name Sybil. It was a large signature and occupied most of that portion of the letter which was uppermost. It was a signature to command respect. Perhaps that was why Charlie wiped each hand in turn on his trousers before opening the sheets to see what Sybil had to say.

If his superintendent had encountered him reading the sheets he would have said that he was trying to find a clue to the owner. That would have been only partly true. The name Sybil was an irresistible temptation to Charlie to read the letter. He knew a girl named Sybil, a domestic help, who had written him two or three ardent letters when she had a job up country. Sybil was, to Charlie, a significant name. But while there was nothing ardent in this lost letter, there was a passage which a more mature person would have accounted romantic.

"It was odd that you should mention Beverley Dorchester," ran the large handwriting, "after all these years. But there is something more strange still that I have to tell you about him. You know how it sometimes happens that you light upon a word you have never met before or an unusual name, and then within a week or two you meet it again.

Well, that's how it was with Beverley. Before I got your letter, I had hardly thought of him for 25 years—I suppose I can say that I had never thought of him very seriously since Mother's death when, in clearing up her papers, I came across a note from Aunt Margot saying how pleased she was I wasn't going to marry Beverley and what an untrustworthy person he was—and, well, you know, all the beastly things everyone at home said about him until I could stand it no longer, and broke off the affair.

"But I must say, even now, that I never really distrusted him, though I never regret marrying dear Henry instead.

"Still, that's an old story. What I want to tell you now is that a week after receiving your letter I was passing the rather showy hairdressers salon for women here, when I saw a man saying something to a young woman who was just entering the place. The woman I hardly saw, but, dear Rachel, the man was unmistakably Beverley!

"Yes, you may say, 'What, after forty years!' But when you've known a man as well as I knew him, forty years is not enough to make him unrecognisable. I must have stared in surprise, for he stopped abruptly with his hand on the door of his car and looked straight into my face. Then came the old whimsical smile, and it was unmistakable, although the rather dashing, curly moustache he used to wear is now a short, bristly grey affair.

"What odd things one says at such times! His first reaction was a strange anxiety to explain that the young woman who had just gone into the shop was a niece of his wife. (As though I cared!)

"That led him to say that the girl would be in there for an hour and wouldn't I come with him to the Hydro Hotel for a cup of coffee.

"Of course, I don't take coffee, but a cup of China tea never comes amiss to me in the middle of the morning. And what a gossip we had! Naturally, I told him how you had mentioned him in your last letter, and how you had come across his name in some English newspaper. He said that his name was often in the financial pages of the papers, that he didn't care about it, and wasn't fond of publicity. But I gathered that he is very prosperous, and by way of being well known in the business world. His talk kept lapsing into money matters.

"Before he dropped me at my hotel to pick up his niece, he said that had he known this meeting was in store he would have brought me a little memento from Town, but, all the same, he would give me something that would prove just as pleasant a reminder as any present. He said I should realise any investments I had, and buy some shares called Muggs Ridge—that's a gold mining company in which he is interested—and keep them until he wired me to sell them, which might be very soon.

"As I have said, I always trusted Beverley and although I haven't realised everything, I have sold a rather large quantity of War Loan and have done what Beverley suggested. I felt that for old times sake I ought to do it, to show that I always trusted him in spite of the dreadful things people said about him. Up to the time of writing, he hasn't wired, but I gather from a retired bank manager who stays here that the shares have risen appreciably in value since I bought them.

"Perhaps next time I write I shall be able to tell you that Beverley has made my fortune for me. But now I must hasten or I shall miss the mail.

"Your affectionate sister,
"Sybil."

Charlie folded the letter, grunted, and flung it into the wheelbarrow where it sat down, as primly as Mrs. Purbeck herself, between two portions of orange peel. "Nothin' in it," he murmured as he bent to the handles of the barrow.

III
They Called It Intuition.

"Yes, Doctor, what you say about advising women strikes me as being true, judging by one experience I had—at least, one that the firm had, because I was away at Biarritz at the time the thing began. It happened during the boom: that's why I was at Biarritz."

"Let's get this straight, Farnham. Was the woman at Biarritz?" asked the doctor, as he paid the club waiter for their drinks.

"No. She was on the south coast somewhere. She was the widow of a lawyer named Purbeck, whom I used to know. She was a quiet, drawing-room type of woman—the sort of woman to whom everything to do with business is her husband's affair, shut off by a brick wall from her. So when Purbeck died I took rather a special interest in getting his investments right so that his widow would have a secure income, even though it would not be a large one."

"Your health, Farnham."

"Cheers, Doctor!"

"At that stage I was dealing with executors, and when I saw the widow

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she just said 'Yes, of course,' very demurely to everything I did."

"And then when she got control of the money she ran off the rails, eh?" hazarded the doctor.

"Yes and no. One day, while I was at Biarritz, she came up to London and 'phoned to the office to sell ten thousand pounds worth of War Loan and put the proceeds into some stuff called Muggs Reef."

"Gold?"

"It was one of Dorchester's companies, Beverley Dorchester who died a year or two back. Remember him?"

"I do, indeed. A patient once put me into some stuff of his. I've still got it. The patient went bankrupt."

"Well, my clerk, a sound fellow, took the instructions and referred to Leslie before doing the deal. Leslie thought it utterly daft, and told Halliwell to ask for instructions in writing, advising her, at the same time, not to do it.

"In reply, she told us pretty tersely to get on with it, and be quick about it. We bought the Muggs stuff at 6s."

"Then it began to drop, eh?"

"Not on your life. Within a week or two it began to rise. Six; seven-and-six—up to twelve bob. Then she wired to us to sell and put the proceeds back into War Loan."

"Doubled her capital."

"Yes. But that's not quite the end of it."

"The stuff went up just a little more, and then began to slip away rapidly. Down it went to half a crown, and when the slump came it slipped out of the market altogether."

"What's the explanation?"

"Ask me something easier, Doctor. I just don't know. I wanted very much to get it out of her, but she never disturbed her investments again. I had no reason to see her. She died last year, and her money went to sundry daughters and nephews who seem to know little about her affairs."

"Was it just a lucky shot?"

"No. I don't think so. Considering the sort of woman she was, it is surprising that she interfered with the investments at all. Still, even the most prudent people are sometimes talked into buying rubbish by a fellow who is busy rigging the market. But how did she come to sell at the peak? If she'd held them a few weeks longer she'd have lost half her money. As it was, by that time she was back in War Loan again and had doubled it by her profit."

"Beginner's luck, then."

"Hardly that. Because if a beginner has a lucky flutter, he's back again in no time, trying again. Mrs. Purbeck never touched her shares again."

"Intuition, then?"

"Well, we'll call it that, Doctor but only because I must be off."

But Charlie Puddlestone could have put them wise, if Charlie had understood what he had read, and if Charlie's interest in women named Sybil hadn't been pushed into the remotest recess of his mind, where it lay buried under the debris of an unhappy love affair.

THE END

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

CIVIL DEFENDERS' CHRISTMAS

MESSAGE FROM LORD MONSELL

In a message of Christmas greeting to the local Civil Defence personnel, conveyed through the medium of the ADVERTISER & ECHO, the Regional Commissioner, Lord Monsell, writes:

I send to the men and women of the Civil Defence services and to all those associated with these services my Christmas greetings and the hope that this season may be a happy one for all of them.

Before we enter into the New Year let us count our blessings, and if we compare our position to-day with that of midsummer, 1940, we shall find these blessings are many.

Then we were deserted, unarmed and unprepared.

To-day we have powerful allies; our fighting forces daily increase in strength and numbers; during the year the output of our munitions and those of America should reach their peak; the network of Civil Defence continues to improve, and for this I want to thank you all most sincerely.

I know the many hours you have worked and, what is perhaps harder, the many inevitable hours you have waited. Everyone admires the spirit which animates you, a spirit which has met every attack with efficiency, resolution, fortitude and courage, and it is this spirit which will eventually carry us to victory.

There is a hard road ahead of us and the utmost effort on the part of everyone is imperative.

I wish you all the power to endure, the will to conquer and the best of luck.

Unlucky Family

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

The misfortunes that had overtaken a Ramsgate family since they were evacuated were related at Stafford police court last week, when Patrick David Flynn, 18, was charged with a Stafford youth, Horatio Frederick Gask, 19, with attempting to obtain 3s. by false pretences from the English Electric Co. Ltd., by whom they were employed, on 1st, 2nd and 4th December.

On the days in question Flynn arrived late for work, and it was found that Gask had clocked in for him at the time he should have commenced work. Gask admitted he clocked in for Flynn to do him a good turn because his bicycle had broken down.

Mr. Paul Butters, who represented Flynn, said the family were evacuated from Ramsgate to Stafford and there had been an unhappy series of events. Mr. and Mrs. Flynn and their family of eight were accommodated in five separate billets, and this meant that the defendant was taken from the immediate control of his parents. Misfortune had overtaken the family since they left their home at Ramsgate. While working for the English Electric Co. the father met with an accident and injured his spine, the defendant had lost the tips of his fingers, and the eldest son, who was only 20, had lost an arm. These misfortunes had had a most unfortunate cumulative effect on the family, especially on the mother, and Mr. and Mrs. Flynn were contemplating returning to Ramsgate. The defendant had hitherto held a good character, and the present offence was due to a momentary lapse, as he was unable to use his bicycle.

Gask said there were hundreds who did the same as he and Flynn had done but they were not brought to the court.

A fine of £4 with £2 1s. 6d. costs was imposed in each case.

POSTAL HONOUR

RAMSGATE MEDALLIST

It is officially announced that Mr. John Cheyney Burden, sorting clerk and telegraphist at Ramsgate G.P.O., has been awarded the Imperial Service Medal.

Mr. Burden, who is now living at 29 Vale-square, Ramsgate, having been bombed out of his former home, entered the postal service as a learner at Southampton in June, 1899, and was appointed sorting clerk and telegraphist in April, 1900.

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Help for Spitfire Fund.—Cheques totalling £15 have been sent to the Kent Spitfire Fund as a result of the efforts of a Ramsgate woman in making soft toys for babies. Mrs. E. R. Thom, of Hardres-street, who collected the materials, thanks all who have combined to make the effort so successful.

Hancocks of Ramsgate.—"Hancocks of Ramsgate," a biography of the late Rev. Thomas Hancocks, for many years pastor of Cavendish Baptist Church, Ramsgate, written by Grace Pettman, has just been published. The book can be obtained of Messrs. Blinko and Sons Ltd., of Queen-street, Ramsgate, price 2s. 6d.

Salvationists' Golden Wedding.—Over 50 relatives and friends attended the golden wedding celebrations at Maidstone Salvation Army Hall of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foat, who were married at Ramsgate 50 years ago. Mr. Foat was in business at Ramsgate as a greengrocer and general store keeper for 20 years before moving to Preston, where he continued in business until about five years ago when he retired and went to live at Maidstone. Mr. and Mrs. Foat were presented with an armchair by the Maidstone Salvation Army, a cushion by the Home League and a gong by the S.A. Sunday School.

AFTER A DANCE

AIRMAN'S CAR ACCIDENT

A fine of £5 was imposed at Ramsgate county police court on Tuesday on L/A/C Ronald George Brinkworth, who was summoned for failing to stop his car following an accident.

Defendant was fined a further 10s. for driving without a license and was ordered to pay 4s. 6d. costs.

For the prosecution it was alleged that defendant was in his car coming home from a dance with two other airmen when he struck one of a group of airmen walking in the road. The man was thrown on to the grass verge at the side of the road. The car failed to stop.

Mr. E. C. Allfree, for defendant, said there were several groups of airmen in the road and defendant could not have been driving at the fast speed suggested. Hearing someone shout, defendant stopped his car and one of the passengers got out to see what was the matter. He returned and said "It is all right, it is not for us. There is another car behind."

Death of Mr. J. Howell.—The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Wednesday of Mr. John Howell, who passed away at the age of 81 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. Jezzard, of 80 Belmont-road, Westgate-on-Sea. Mr. Howell was formerly in business as a builder and came to Westgate from Putney on his retirement 12 years ago. He leaves a widow, a son and two daughters. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. A. Mapson and the mourners were Mr. and Mrs. J. Howell (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. L. Caudle (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. S. Jezzard (son-in-law and daughter), and Mr. P. Jezzard (grandson).

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SHEEP WORRYING

ORDER TO CONTROL DOGS

Two sheep died and a third, which was mauled, is not expected to live, as a result of being chased by two dogs at Birchington recently.

At Margate police court on Wednesday the owner of the dogs, George Thomas Chittenden, of Park-avenue, Birchington, was summoned for failing to keep two dangerous dogs under proper control, and there was a second summons for keeping the dogs without licenses.

George Norman said that on the morning of 24th November he saw two dogs in a field of sheep off the Acol-Brooksend road. They were chasing the sheep and he went after them. Before he could get near them they had one sheep down and were pulling at its wool. When he was within 25 yards of them they ran off into a field of kale. The sheep was exhausted and could not stand. On 10th December he went to defendant's house with a policeman and saw the two dogs running loose.

Percy Ross, of Acol Hill Farm, the owner of the sheep, said he found one was very much mauled and two others were exhausted. These two died. The one which was mauled was still in a bad state and not likely to live long.

P/C Day stated that when interviewed at his smallholding, defendant said the dogs ran into the fields in search of rabbits but he could not understand them chasing sheep. He said he would see the owner of the sheep with a view to coming to an understanding and if the dogs did attack the sheep he would have them disposed of. When asked to produce the licenses for the dogs he said his wife attended to them. Witness saw defendant later with his wife and they were unable to produce any licenses. Defendant then said he understood that farmers need not have licenses for their dogs.

Mrs. Chittenden told the magistrates that the dogs had been brought up with poultry and there had been sheep in the field next to her husband's poultry farm but they had never troubled them. They were surprised to hear of the complaint.

In reply to the Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan) the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said the damage was stated to be £5 10s. and could only be recovered in a civil court.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) announced that an order would be made to keep the dogs under control and for the payment by defendant of 12s. costs on each of the two summonses for not keeping the dogs under control. He would be fined 5s. on each of the two summonses for not having licenses.

BLANKET INTO COAT

ANOTHER WOMAN FINED

There was an echo of the "blanket case" at Ramsgate county police court on Tuesday, when Glennie Annie Hilda Chambers, of South Eastern-road, Ramsgate, pleaded guilty to receiving a blanket knowing it to have been stolen from the Advance Laundry, Minster.

The case had been adjourned from November when a number of other women were fined for a similar offence. It was then stated that over 1,200 Navy, Air Force and Royal Marine blankets were missing from the laundry.

P/S Wilkinson said he saw defendant at her home on 24th October when she at first denied all knowledge of the offence. She later said she was told by another woman at the laundry that she could take a blanket and could have a coat made from it. This woman got a blanket out for her and she paid 1s. 6d. for it. She refused to disclose the name of the woman who made the blanket into a coat for her.

Defendant was fined £1 and ordered to pay 5s. costs.

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CAUGHT AFTER CHASE

COURT STORY OF SOLDIER'S STRUGGLE WITH CONSTABLE

A soldier, who was allowed to be seated in court and did not appear to understand questions put to him after being told that the magistrates could not deal with his case that day, was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court, London, when he appeared at Margate police court on Wednesday charged with looting.

The accused, Pte. Ernest Hipkiss, aged 31, who was taken into custody after a chase across a golf course, was also charged with assaulting Edgar James March, a war reserve constable, while in the execution of his duty.

It was alleged that at Dilkoosha, Sea-road, Westgate, situated in an area subjected to enemy air attack and left unprotected is consequence of war operations, Hipkiss stole four sheets, 12 knives, six apostle spoons, box of handkerchiefs, hand mirror, hair brush and clock, together value £6, the property of Miss Fanny Mayfield,

It was similarly alleged that at Sea Grange, Sea-road, he stole a costume, two vases and 42 tablets of soap, value £6 15s., the property of Mrs. Beatrice Inglis, and that at Longford, Sea-road, he stole three masonic medallions, a brooch, gold tie pin and six spoons, value £2, the property of Mrs. Fanny Pitt Hall.

The occupiers of the three premises—two private hotels and a private apartment house—gave evidence that they closed down and left Westgate in June, 1940, owing to war conditions. Mrs. Pitt Hall said she visited her house on 11th November, 1941, in consequence of damage caused by an explosion but left it secure and in order again.

Deserted Homes.

P/S May, who found a side window at Longford broken near the catch on 18th November, said no one was living in Sea-road and from Roxburgh-road to Carlton-avenue West there were at least 120 furnished but unoccupied houses on the sea side.

D/S Cory, who found that entry had been obtained to Sea Grange and Dilkoosha by similar means, said that on 24th November he saw the accused at the police station and later articles missing from Dilkoosha were discovered in defendant's kit. When shown the sheets, which were marked "Dilkoosha," Hipkiss said "I must have been a fool. I suppose this means a stealing charge." Questioned regarding other articles found in his kit, Hipkiss said he was not quite sure of the house but would show witness, who took him next day to Westgate, where defendant pointed out Sea Grange and Longford as houses from which he had taken property. Hipkiss said he had sent the costume to his wife in Cambridge, where it was recovered by the Cambridge police.

W/R/C Edgar James March, who was on duty in plain clothes in Sea-road, Westgate, at 1.25 p.m. on 24th November, said he saw accused looking about at the end of Domneva-road and kept him under observation. At 1.55 p.m. Hipkiss went along Sea-road and turned into Hengist-road, where witness lost sight of him. Returning down Hengist-road, witness heard a noise at the back of the houses, and going into the garden at the side of Broadsands, a furnished but unoccupied house, to investigate, saw the accused coming from the back. When asked what he was doing, Hipkiss said he had been to the latrine at the back.

Escape and Pursuit.

Telling accused he did not believe him, witness took hold of him by the coat sleeve and Hipkiss said "I will show you the place. I would not go breaking into empty houses. I am a married man." At the back of the house witness noticed a scullery window open, a pane of glass broken and a stone on the sill.

"I told him I was a police officer," proceeded W/R March, "and that he must come with me. He immediately hit me round the face on the left cheek with his fist—a fairly heavy blow—and I fell back, with him on top of me. A struggle ensued and he broke away. I followed and seized him again, raising my stick. He succeeded in getting away and ran round the house, down the road and into Sea-road.

"He turned up some allotments and I followed. I saw him turn into Carlton-road West. As he was out-distancing me I went back and borrowed a bicycle from a man working nearby and rode up Westleigh-road. I saw the accused cross the golf links, get on the railway and go towards Birchington. I telephoned to the police station for assistance from a police pillar in Hengist-road and then rode along Canterbury-road. Near St. James'-terrace I saw the accused on the railway. He at once turned and climbed over the fence back on to the golf course. I was now joined by P/C Farley, who went on ahead and detained the accused."

Witness added that he was present that morning when accused was charged with assaulting him. He replied "I have nothing to say."

Stick Threat Denied.

Hipkiss: He held a stick over my head and threatened me before I struck him.

Witness said that was not correct.

P/C Farley, who cycled from Birchington Square to Westgate at 2.10 p.m., stated that after meeting W/R/C March he ran along St. James-terrace, across the railway line and Epple Bay allotments to the golf course near Sea-road, where he saw the accused coming over the golf links from the direction of Westgate. When Hipkiss stopped witness called out "Don't run away. I want you." Accused came towards him and said "What do you want me for? I haven't done anything. You are not going to take me to the police station." When told he had been seen by a police officer near premises which had been broken into, Hipkiss again said "I'm not going to the police station. I haven't done anything. I was only going to the stores to get some stuff when a policeman interfered with me." Witness, who told him he could make a statement at the police station if he wished to do so, took defendant to Canterbury-road, where they were met by the police car.

"I should like to be given another chance," replied Hipkiss when asked if he wished to say anything at that stage.

It was explained that such a request was a matter for the assize court.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) objected to accused being granted bail while waiting for trial, and he was ordered to remain in custody.

SERGEANT KILLED

VEHICLE THAT DID NOT STOP

The death of Sergt. Frank Jones, R.A., aged 48 years, whose wife is serving as a corporal in the W.A.A.F., was the subject of lengthy inquiry by the Ramsgate Coroner, Mr. J. H. Robinson, on Tuesday.

Sergt. Jones died in hospital from his injuries shortly after he had been knocked down by a vehicle which did not stop while he was walking along the Canterbury road between Ramsgate and Minster the previous Friday night.

The Coroner said he thought they could take it that the vehicle concerned was going pretty fast.

"The conclusion to which one is driven," added the Coroner, "is that the driver of the vehicle was driving too fast in the circumstances and if he knew that he had hit this man, as I feel he must have known, he was callous, inhuman and a brute. It was the action of a coward and a detestable creature to drive on and leave a man in the road because he was afraid of being punished."

Mr. Robinson said the police would continue their enquiries and if they found the man they would no doubt deal with him.

The jury, of which Mr. W. H. Walker was foreman, returned a verdict of "Accidental Death," and suggested that the police should check the condition of drivers of military lorries before they left the town at night.

SAVED FROM PRINCE of WALES

RAMSGATE MARINE RESCUED

After days, which seemed like weeks, of anxious waiting, Mrs. A. Back, of 6 St. Andrew's-road, Ramsgate, last week, received a telegram bringing the longed-for news that her son, Marine Percy Back, who was serving on H.M.S. Prince of Wales, was safe.

An old boy of Holy Trinity School, Marine Back, who is 35 years of age, joined the Royal Marines at the age of 17 and had served in all parts of the world. The ships on which he has served include H.M.S. Renown, H.M.S. Adventure, and H.M.S. Achilles, which played such an important part in the Battle of the River Plate.

Marine Back was aboard the Prince of Wales in the action which resulted in the sinking of the Bismarck. In the course of the action the Prince of Wales was slightly damaged and Marine Back came home to Ramsgate while the repairs were effected.

The following month the Prince of Wales carried the Prime Minister across the Atlantic for his historic meeting with President Roosevelt. It was on board the ship that the Atlantic Charter was signed.

Mrs. Back told an ADVERTISER & ECHO reporter that she could not believe the news when she heard that the Prince of Wales had been sunk. Her son had told her that he was perfectly safe on our most modern battleship and was much more concerned about the safety of his mother in Ramsgate.

Mrs. Back has three other sons all serving their country. Cecil is serving with the Indian Police, Wilfred is serving with the Royal Artillery in the Middle East, and Harold is engaged on aircraft production.

A.T.C. TO R.A.F.

PROSPECTIVE MARGATE PILOTS

Several members of the Margate Flights of the A.T.C. will soon be training as pilots with the R.A.F.

A Travelling Selection Board from the Air Ministry visited Margate on Tuesday when nine members who have passed their proficiency examination were accepted and recommended for training as pilots. Some were earmarked for recommendations for commissions.

The boys were Flt.-Sergts. Ldg. Cadets D. Ward and N. C. Bradgate, Sergt. Ldg. Cadet R. A. G. Simmons, Corpls. Ldg. Cadets H. W. Parkinson and C. E. G. Twyman, Ldg. Cadets E. F. Austen, A. W. Hermitage, F. V. Hudson and R. Drake.

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COUNCIL OF READERS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sir,—It is a great pity "Everyday Christian" does not understand that churchgoers (regular and irregular) are not concerned with attending church just to provide "guarantees" to the world at large for so doing. Such personal issues hold much higher spiritual values—or should do. Does one refer to the "guarantee" of "material welfare" of the powers that be who are responsible for "forcing" children to attend day school?

Paying 20 shillings in the pound is not the sum total of Christianity by a long way.

W.R.T.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.]

CARPENTER'S CHEAP TOOLS

Employed as a carpenter by a Ramsgate firm, Ernest Charles Hope, of Nethercourt-hill, was fined £10 at Wingham petty sessions on Thursday for unlawfully buying Government property—a blow lamp and 2ft. rule, value 25s.

Defendant said he bought the articles from a soldier while working in the district. Tools were so dear that they took the chance to get some cheaply when possible. He did not realise the seriousness of it and asked for leniency as his wife had just had a baby.

It was stated that defendant had been twice bound over and once fined in 1930 and that in 1933 he had been sent to prison for two months for stealing.

DUSTMEN'S HOLIDAY

Ramsgate dustmen will have a two-days' holiday at Christmas.

Collections from houses usually visited on Thursday will be made tomorrow (Wednesday) and from houses usually visited on Friday the collections will be made on Saturday.

Householders are asked to place their bins outside early in the morning on the day the dustman calls.

"LUNA HABITABILIS"

The following lines translated from Gray's "Luna Habitabilis," writtin at Cambridge in 1737, are being published throughout Canada as a prophecy:

The time will come, when thou shalt lift thine eyes
To watch a long-drawn battle in the skies,
While aged peasants, too amazed for words,
Stare at the flying fleets of wond'rous birds.
England, so long the mistress of the seas,
Where winds and waves confess her sovereignty,
Her ancient triumphs yet on high shall bear,
And reign, the sovereign of the conquered air.

"Maritime warfare is on a bigger scale and is being fought far more fiercely than in the last war—it is a war at high speed."—Adml. Sir William James.

"Great Britain and Russia are friends and allies in this war, and I hope that will continue after the struggle."—M. Maisky, Soviet Ambassador.

MARGATE

Aid for Russia.—Organised by the Mayoress (Mrs. G. P. Hoare), the flag day held at Margate, Westgate and Birchington in aid of Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund realised the sum of £101 13s. A whist drive held by Margate W.V.S. for the fund brought in £6 16s.

Soldier's Death on Sick Leave.—Taken seriously ill while home on sick leave, Pte. Thomas Maycock, The Buffs, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Maycock, of Eaton-road, Margate, has died suddenly at Herne Bay Isolation Hospital at the age of 23. In the early months of the war Pte. Maycock, an old Central School boy, served in France.

Old Comrades Greet King.—"God bless you, guard you and grant you many years to reign over us," read a telegram of loyal greeting sent to the King by the Margate branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association on the occasion of His Majesty's 46th birthday last week. A reply conveying the King's sincere thanks to all associated with the message was received.

Death of Uncle Bones' Son.—The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Tuesday of Mr. Onslow Alfred Bone-Knell, of 5 Byron-avenue. Son of Margate's famous nigger minstrel "Uncle Bones," Mr. Bone-Knell, who was 65 years of age, was employed for 30 years as a stage hand at the Theatre Royal and had toured with Miss Sarah Thorne's famous company. Serving in France with the R.A.S.C. in the last war, he was afterwards employed at Margate Hippodrome until 1931, when he left to go to Westbrook Pavilion. In the present war he had been employed as a fire-watcher. He leaves a widow and three sons, one of whom is on service in the Middle East.

MARGATE SELECTS CORVETTE

WARSHIP WEEK TARGET

At a public meeting at Margate Town Hall on Thursday the target for Warship Week, to be held next March, was fixed at £120,000 for a corvette.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) referred to the spirit of rivalry between Margate and Ramsgate during War Weapons Week and said it would be continued in Warship Week.

The target was proposed by Mr. E. W. Betts, chairman of the local branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association, who promised the support of the branch in organising the week

ARMY DESERTER SENTENCED FOR STEALING

An Army deserter, Spr. Harold James Briggs, R.E., aged 30, who was wearing civilian clothes, was sentenced at Margate police court on Tuesday to three months imprisonment after pleading guilty to a charge of larceny from Vincent Farm House, Margate.

VELLUMS FOR LIFEBOATMEN

The Committee of Management of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution have recorded their appreciation of the gallantry of the crews of the Ramsgate and Margate lifeboats for the part they played in the evacuation of the B.E.F. from Dunkirk.

Vellums are being prepared and will be presented to each of the lifeboatmen who took part.

THE NATION NEEDS WASTE PAPER—SAVE IT

THIS WEEK'S FILMS

AT THE ODEON

A varied bill of fare is being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

Creeping with chills and crackling with comedy, "The Black Cat" heads the bill to-day (Tuesday) and Wednesday. The story centres around the sinister Winslow estate, the wealthy old mistress of which has an obsession for providing a home for stray cats. She is suddenly murdered after reading her will. The telephone is mysteriously disconnected, and the place is marooned by a raging rain and thunderstorm. Meanwhile two more murders occur. A strong cast is led by Basil Rathbone, Hugh Herbert, Brod Crawford and Bela Lugosi. "Bowery Boy," a romantic drama featuring Dennis O'Keefe and Louise Campbell, is also being shown

Re-edited, and with brand new prints from the original negative, "The Original Old Mother Riley" is the chief feature for the latter part of the week. In this ingenious and hearty comedy Arthur Lucan plays Old Mother Riley with the technique and gusto of a pantomime dame, and holds the picture with his robust fooling. Kitty McShane, of course, has the part of the daughter, and a laugh is provided every ten seconds. Sonja Henie skates her way to fame in "One in a Million," which will also be shown. Supporting her are Don Ameche, Adolphe Menjou, Jean Hersholt, Ned Sparkes and the Ritz Brothers.

AT THE KING'S

Action is the keynote of this week's programmes at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate.

The story of a celebrated cracksman who helps to solve the mystery of several murders, "Meet Boston Blackie," heading the bill to-day and to-morrow, features Chester Morris and Rochelle Hudson. Attempting to solve the murders, the two stars go through a series of weird adventures during which they are pursued alternately by the criminals and the police. A concession at Coney Island is raided and a plot to smuggle a secret bomb sight from the country is exposed. Ralph Bellamy, Margaret Lindsay and Anna May Wong head the cast of "Ellery Queen's Penthouse Mystery," a detective thriller, also being shown.

A shipment of valuable United States currency engraving plates is being sent to San Francisco in a burglar-proof baggage car. If an attempt is made to break into the car, poison gasses will be released. This is the centre of the story of "The Lone Wolf Takes a Chance," chief feature for the second half of the week. Warren William has the part of the Lone Wolf, supported by June Storey, Henry Wilcoxon and Eric Blore. The Lone Wolf is accused of murder when a private detective is killed on the fire escape outside his hotel room. He not only clears himself but rounds up a gang of counterfeiters. Described as Peter Lorre's biggest chiller, "The Face Behind the Mask" will also be shown.

There will be no performance on Christmas Day.

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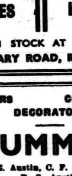

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DESERT VICTORY

BUFFS' DECISIVE PART

The Buffs have again been in the thick of the fighting.

A communiqué issued in Cairo on Thursday afternoon from British G.H.Q. announced that they had played the decisive part in finally defeating the German counter-attacks in Libya.

In the course of the battle about 20 German tanks were destroyed.

The Germans have since been reported to be in full flight.

Newspaper correspondents in Cairo pay high tribute to the gallant part played by the Royal East Kent Regiment, ably backed by battalions of the 4th Sikh Regiment and 1st Punjabi Regiment, and admirably supported by the 21st Field Regiment Royal Artillery.

Although at points the Germans had a numerical superiority, they could not withstand the elan of The Buffs, and after throwing all their resources into the battle to try and delay our advance the enemy's front was everywhere broken.

CHRISTMAS DAY FOOTBALL

A Christmas Day football match between teams representing the Royal Navy and Ramsgate Working Men's Club is to be played at St. Luke's ground, Hereson-road, kick-off 11 a.m.

A collection will be taken in aid of the Red Cross.

CANTEENS HAVE IT

Ask for it in your canteen whether you are a member of the fighting or civil defence services or whether you are working in a factory. It is something that will do you a world of good; something that will counteract the strain of arduous work for long shifts and which will keep your nerves up to concert pitch.

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But keep a tin of Ovaltine at home as well, because it is the finest stand-by there is. Its correctly balanced nutriment helps to make the ordinary diet complete in the food elements required to maintain a high degree of vitality and resistance to infection. Refreshing and revitalising sleep is more than ever necessary nowadays. If the sleep is broken—we have been warned to expect raids during the long nights of winter—a cup of Ovaltine induces sleep quickly; sleep that is fully restful and restorative so that you will waken, even after a few hours, physically and mentally restored.

POLICE CHANGE

BROADSTAIRS INSPECTOR LEAVING

A native of Ramsgate, Inspr. L. P. Belsey, K.C.C., who has been stationed at Broadstairs for the past 18 months, is returning on 15th January to the Dartford Division from which he was transferred to Broadstairs.

The son of Mr. W. H. Belsey, a retired member of the Ramsgate borough police force who recently lost his wife and is now residing with his daughter, Mrs. A. F. Blackburn, Inspr. Belsey joined the Kent County Constabulary 18 years ago.

Since he has been in charge at Broadstairs police work has been greatly increased by many new war-time regulations, but Inspr. Belsey has gained general respect by the courteous manner in which he has conscientiously carried out his duty.

TRUE HOSPITALITY

SOUTH AFRICA'S WARM WELCOME

British troops are given a grand welcome when they land in South Africa.

One of the arrivals in August was L/Cpl. A. G. Elcome, R.A.S.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Elcome, of Northdown Park-road, Margate.

First news Mr. and Mrs. Elcome had of their son's safe arrival was contained in two letters from South Africans who had acted as hosts.

"It's a treat to meet folks from home, especially when one, like myself, has spent many a holiday at Cliftonville," wrote Mr. H. G. Feast, of the Grand Hotel, Durban.

"I met your son on Sunday and he is 100 per cent. fit," continued the letter. "I hope that before long this war will be over and your son returned to you safe and sound."

L/Cpl. Elcome, who is 27 years of age, volunteered for service on the day war was declared. He went to France and was evacuated from Calais by a destroyer.

L/Cpl. Elcome's elder brother George, is a lance-bombardier in the Royal Artillery stationed in Kent. Both are old boys of Margate Central School and Chatham House, Ramsgate.

SGT. R. A. HAMON

OLD ST. GEORGIAN MISSING

The day before he should have celebrated his 26th birthday, Sgt. R. A. Hamon, R.A.F., son of the late George Francois Hamon and Mrs. G. Lambert, of 147 Grange-road, Ramsgate, was reported missing.

Sgt. Hamon had been recommended for a commission.

He was an old boy of St. George's School, one of the earliest members of the St. George's Young Men's Association, and for some years sang in the church choir.

Before joining the R.A.F. he was employed as a wood machinist at Cambridge, and previously worked for a Margate firm.

ACTIVE LEGION WOMEN

One of the many organisations unostentatiously assisting in the war effort is the women's section of the Broadstairs and St. Peter's branch of the British Legion.

Before coupons had to be surrendered for wool the members made 87 pairs of socks, eight scarves, two helmets, 12 pairs of mittens and five pairs of cuffs. Forty-five new garments have been produced during the year and 16 secondhand articles of clothing have been collected and distributed.

At the annual meeting of the branch officers elected were: President, Lady Fox; vice-presidents, Mrs. B. J. Pearson, Mrs. Howard Paget, Mrs. Browne and Mrs. Crawshaw; chairman, Mrs. C. Byrne; vice-chairman, Mrs. D. Padbury; hon. treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Smith; hon. secretary, Mrs. M. Pantony.

NEW LABOUR PEER

Four new Labour peers created this week include Mr. R. Fletcher, who opened Ramsgate War Weapons Week at the Odeon Theatre in May.

Mr. Fletcher, who becomes a Baron, was until last week, when he resigned, Personal Private Secretary to Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty. At the same time he announced that he wished to discontinue the title of lieutenant-commander and be known as "plain Mr. Fletcher."

A VICTORIOUS PEACE

As armed assailants airily
View victory, vanquishing vandals,
Impulsiveness infrequently
Claims Christmas—cards, cakes, candles!

True to tradition these rough times
Optimism operates!
Reflectively, recurrent rhymes
Inevitably illustrates.

Out of oppression's odium
Universal unity
Should soon stop shameful serfdom!
Promoting peace permanently!

Evil extremes endured embrace
Another altruistic ally
Called "Christmas Cheer!"—Crime cannot chase
Earth's entourage eternally!

W.R.T.

SAVING AT THE LOCAL

The War Savings Committee of the Licensed Trade has sent a letter-leaflet-poster to licensed victuallers all over the country showing how they can support the Warship Weeks campaign. The formation of savings groups is encouraged.

There has been a generous response to the committee's appeal to members of share-out, loan and thrift clubs to put part of the share-out into national savings.

CIVIL DEFENCE COMPETITION

A trophy has been presented by the Regional Commissioner, the Rt. Hon. Viscount Monsell, for competition among the Civil Defence Casualty Services of Kent, Sussex and Surrey.

The competition, the first of its kind to be held regionally, will be conduced in three stages and the trophy will be won outright by the victorious team.

Each team will consist of one first-aid party, one ambulance, one sitting-case car and a first-aid post unit of eight workers including a trained nurse.

Black-out To-day 5.24 p.m.—8.35 a.m.

TUNNEL TABLEAU

TROOPERS UP-TO-DATE

A tableau depicting a scene in the tunnel shelters is a feature of the Christmas presentation of the Mayor of Ramsgate's Troopers Concert Party.

The show was first presented at the West Cliff Theatre on Monday and there will be a repeat performance to-night when members of the Council and officials of the Corporation have been invited to attend.

The tunnel episode has a realistic setting and a seasonable atmosphere is introduced by the singing of carols. The shelterers are visited by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), who brings with him the "Minister of Comfort," by whom gifts are distributed.

The Mayor, who not only comperes the show but is also a lively "turn" on the programme, has worked hard to produce an entertainment which is a credit to Ramsgate in war-time.

Although by far the smallest member of the company, little Georgina Martell has a "three-star" part and is popular in both solo and concerted numbers.

Sid and Lucy Browning and "Jack and John" supply some excellent duets and Jack Heritage (baritone), Jack Yorath (tenor) and Diane Maxted (soprano) maintain their popularity in straight songs.

No one works harder than Reg Taney, accompanist and accordionist, and other contributors to the programme are Gloria Knight, Winnie Martell, Jack Cooper, Dawn Cooke, Gwen Martell, Ted Hougham, and Hilda and Mary Richards, the two talented sisters.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To all our readers near and far.

To all advertisers whose enterprise has enabled us to continue war-time publication.

To all members of the staff now producing their own pages of history.

To one and all, at home and abroad, sincere

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

NON-STOP VARIETY

CHILDREN CHOOSE THEIR OWN ENTERTAINMENT

A new type of school concert was presented by the girls attending Hereson School, Ramsgate, on Thursday and Friday, when they put over a non-stop Christmas variety programme.

Instead of devoting the time to Shakespearean plays and old English ballads, which have usually formed the bill of fare in the past, Mr. J. Hartley, headmaster, decided to let the girls choose their own entertainment. The result was that the parents, who turned up in force, were treated to a bright show of popular modern numbers, dances, duets and a comedy playlet.

Margaret Sandey revealed herself as a little soubrette in the making and she joined Joyce Atkins in an amusing duet, while Marjorie Cayley's singing was much appreciated. Beryl Jane and Kathleen Doherty provided another duet, and one star of the programme was Doreen Britton, who supplied clever solo effects in a pretty umbrella dance and a step dance in a colourful concerted number, "Soldiers of the King."

The topical note was struck by the singing of patriotic British and American songs, and the junior girls played their part by rendering nursery rhymes.

Credit is due to Mr. Hartley for oragnising such a bright show, despite the handicap caused by the part-time schooling system, and the parents considered it even better than many of the concerts presented in peace-time.

COL. SADLER AGAIN DECORATED

Well-known in Thanet, Lt.-Col. (temporary Brigadier) Norman Vause Sadler, O.B.E., D.C.M., of Guston, near Ash, has been awarded the Territorial Army Efficiency Decoration.

A year ago Col. Sadler was awarded the O.B.E. in recognition of the gallant part played by the anti-aircraft defences in Dover and East Kent.

Col. Sadler was formerly Officer Commanding No. 235 Battery, R.A. (T.A.), Margate.

HON. ESME HARMSWORTH ENGAGED

The engagement is announced of the Hon. Esmé Harmsworth, younger daughter of Viscount Rothermere, a former M.P. for Thanet, and Mrs. T. A. Hussey, to Capt. Viscount Errington, only son of the Earl and Countess of Cromer and heir to the earldom.

Lord Errington is 23 and Miss Harmsworth is 19.

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SERVICE BOXING

KNOCK-OUTS AT MARGATE TOURNAMENT

The first boxing staged in Thanet since the outbreak of war, there was naturally a good house at the inter-services tournament held at Dreamland Skating Rink, Margate, on Friday.

The tournament was promoted in aid of troops' comforts, and those present included the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare), the Vicar of Margate (Rev. D. V. Beckingham) and the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer).

All the contests except one were over four rounds so the fighting throughout was at a brisk tempo.

The only six-round bout, that between two corps heavy-weight champions, Cpl. Rumble (Royal Sussex Regiment) and Gnr. West (Royal Artillery), produced some of the best boxing of the evening. The two had met before, Rumble winning at the first meeting. This time the Artilleryman reversed the verdict. Rumble was the more aggressive during the first three rounds but West totted up points with some good straight lefts. West lasted better than his opponent and during the last round turned the scales in his favour with some good two-fisted hitting.

Several of the contestants failed to stay the distance. Acm. Willett (R.A.F.) knocked out Acm. Palmer (R.A.F.) (bantams) in the third round, Tpr. Moy (R.A.C.) gave the K.O. to Sgt. Driscoll (Royal Sussex Regiment) (light heavy-weight) in the second round, Sgt. Harris (Royal Sussex Regiment) (welter-weight) sent Pte. Lynch (Queen's Royal Regiment) to the boards for the full count in the first round, and Pte. Saunders (Royal Sussex Regiment) (light-weight) scored a technical knock-out over Pte. Green (Royal Sussex Regiment).

The gamest fighter of the evening was Gnr. Essem (Royal Artillery), who although 43 years of age, put up a good show against Pte. Batchelor (Cheshire Regiment), who won on points.

Other results on points were: welter—Pte. Hayes (Royal Sussex Regiment) beat L/Cpl. Mowbray (Royal Sussex Regiment), Acm. Ripley (R.A.F.) beat Sgt. Humphries (Queen's Royal Regiment); light heavy-weight—Pte. Hunt (Royal Sussex Regiment) beat Ldg. Acm. Wissin (R.A.F.), Tpr. Walpole (R.A.C.) beat L/Cpl. Holman (Royal Sussex Regiment); light-weight—Sgt. Lloyd (R.A.F.) beat Acm. Kelly (R.A.F.); heavyweight—Bdr. Colison (R.A.) beat Tpr. Shreeve (R.A.C.).

The Mayor, who presented the prizes, thanked all those who had helped to provide an enjoyable evening's sport.

NEXT WEEK'S FILMS

AT THE KING'S

Irene Dunne and Cary Grant are reunited in "Penny Serenade," chief feature at the King's for the first four days of next week. As a casual, irresponsible newspaper man and his wife, the two stars bring to the screen characterisations which are intrinsically human. It traces their hectic courtship and impetuous marriage, and describes their rapturous honeymoon which ends in near-disaster. Despondent and despairing because of the loss of their baby, the couple settle down in a small country town where he attempts to run a newspaper. The film reaches a smashing climax of laughter and tears in a surprise ending. Also being screened is "The Stranger," with Charles Starrett, Lorna Gray and The Sons of the Pioneers.

Maisie's on the warpath again in "Cash and Carry," featuring Ann Sothern, which will head the bill for the second part of the week. Based round a fast-moving plot, the story concerns what happens to Maisie when, on the hunt for a new job, her path crosses those of a youthful fight champion, his invalid mother and his hard-boiled manager. When Maisie is hired as a companion for the mother and then proceeds to fall in love with the manager, things happen at a speedy rate. George Murphy and Robert Sterling have the chief male roles. The supporting feature, "Paper Bullets," recounts the troubles a beautiful queen of gangdom encounters when she tries to abdicate against her followers' wishes. Jack La Rue and Joan Woodbury head the cast.

AT THE ODEON

The week's entertainment at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, begins on Sunday with Richard Greene and Nancy Kelly in "Submarine Patrol," a thrilling drama leavened with many amusing comedy sequences. Among the highlights is the sinking of a submarine after a great battle in the Atlantic. Another Jones Family picture, "Safety in Numbers," will also be shown.

One of the most star-studded, beautiful, tuneful and spectacular musicals ever to come out of Hollywood, "Ziegfeld Girl" heads the bill on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It has an all-star cast, a powerful dramatic theme, musical numbers produced on a lavish scale, costumes fashioned by a magic wand, and the world's most beautiful girls. Outstanding are its four principals, James Stewart, Judy Garland, Hedy Lamarr and Lana Turner.

Designed for the type of hilarious fun that only William Powell and Myrna Loy can supply, "Love Crazy" will be the chief feature for the latter part of the week. Powell plays a lunatic to prevent Myrna Loy from divorcing him. The story revolves around Powell's antics until the authorities become convinced that his craziness is real and decide to lock him up. Then his efforts to prove that he's sane make him look crazier still. Comedy highlights include Powell masquerading as a woman to escape from the authorities. The supporting programme will include "Dark Streets of Cairo," with Ralph Bird and Sigrid Gurie.

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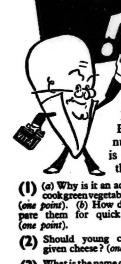
Food Facts Quiz



Here is a handful of nuts for you to crack round the fire at Christmas. "Chestnuts" they *should* be — to those of you who listen to the Kitchen Front Broadcasts or read Food Facts. Each correct answer is worth a certain number of points. A score of 18 out of 23 is very good; but anyone who scores less than 12 should be made to do the washing up!

(1) (*a*) Why is it an advantage to cook green vegetables quickly? (*one point*). (*b*) How do you prepare them for quick cooking? (*one point*).

(2) Should young children be given cheese? (*one point*).

(3) What is the name of the figure at the top of this advertisement? (*one point*).

(4) How long must a fruiterer keep oranges for the holder of a child's ration book? (*one point*).

(5) (*a*) How much is fresh-salted cod per lb.? (*one point*). (*b*) Who prepares it for cooking and how? (*two points*). (*c*) When should it be cooked? (*one point*).

(6) (*a*) What are the present values of Points Coupons A, B, and C? (*three points*). (*b*) Between what dates are the current coupons valid? (*two points*).

(7) Which is the correct way of mixing Milk Powder? (*a*) Do you pour the water on to the powder? or (*b*) Sprinkle the powder into the water? (*one point*).

(8) Which four of the following have broadcast on the Kitchen Front: Raymond Gram Swing, Jack Hylton, Quentin Reynolds, Vic Oliver, Howard Marshall, Mabel Constanduros, George Allison, Goss Custard, Bernard Shaw? (*four points*).

(9) Each of the following foods is famous for a particular Vitamin. State whether A, B, C, or D:—National Wheatmeal, Carrots, Cod Liver Oil, Brussels Sprouts. (*four points*).

answers

(*These are printed upside down so that you do not look before you should!*)

(1) (*a*) To preserve the vitamins. (*b*) Shred them. (2) Certainly. Preferably grated and not cooked. (3) Dr. Carrot. (4) Five days. (It used to be seven.) (5) (*a*) 9d. a lb. (Smoked varieties 1/1d. to 1/3d.) (*b*) The fishmonger. He desalts it by soaking it in water for 48 hours. (*c*) The same day as it is desalted. (6) (*a*) A and B equal 1 point each, C equal 2 points. (*b*) December 14th to January 12th. (7) (*b*). (8) Quentin Reynolds, Vic Oliver, Mabel Constanduros, George Allison. (9) Carrot, A: National Wheatmeal, B; Sprouts, C; Cod Liver Oil, D.

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COUNTY APPOINTMENT

FOR THANET SCOUT LEADER

For 13 years District Commissioner of Boy Scouts at Ramsgate and Broadstairs, Mr. W. J. Martin Tomson has been appointed Assistant County Commissioner.

Mr. Martin Tomson, who was recently awarded the Scout Medal of Merit, succeeds Sqn. Ldr. C. F. Gordon, whose duties with the A.T.C. have necessitated his frequent absence from Kent.

During the war Mr. Martin Tomson has taken a leading part in scouting activities in the Cranbrook area.

A TALKING SONG

Why not talk your way to Heaven?
Try it in the coming year,
Talking is the devil's leaven
When we yield to hate or fear.

Talking is a wondrous channel
For the feelings of the heart,
Kind words keep us warm like flannel
And relieve Life's every smart.

Kind hearts do not rush to mention
All the wrong they hear and know,
But with heavenly intention
Scatter laughter where they go.

Each can be a bright oasis
In the desert we call Life,
Making goodwill their soul's basis,
Banishing all thought of strife.

Ask God for a heavenly fountain
As a Christmas gift for you,
Running clear through self's big mountain,
Sanctifying all you do.

WALTER K. LEWIS.

BROADSTAIRS

Grocer's Will.—The late Mr. Richard Sutton, of Lindenthorpe-road, Broadstairs, who was for many years in business as a provision dealer at Charlotte-street, left estate valued at £7,178.

Golden Wedding.—Temporarily residing at Stonegate, Tunbridge Wells, Mr. and Mrs. George Bush, of Hurst Lodge, King Edward-avenue, Broadstairs, to-day celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bush were married at Eltham.

War Savings Go Up.—The sum of £1,479 was invested in National Savings in Broadstairs last week. It was made up of £332 in Savings Certificates, £665 in Defence Bonds and an increase of £482 due to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Hope.—15th December, at 110 Grange-road, Ramsgate, the wife of Ernest Charles Hope, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Furner—Male.—16th December, at St. Mary's Church, Minster, Thomas Furner, of Chartham, to Emily Mary Male, of Minster.

Shallcross—Turner.—16th December, at Broadstairs Parish Church, by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, L/Sergt. Ronald E. A. Shallcross, R.A.C., of Margate, to Peggy Turner, of Broadstairs.

Tunbridge—Scott.—14th December, at Doddington, Leonard George Tunbridge, the Hampshire Regiment, of Farnborough, to Peggy Vera Scott, of Margate.

DEATHS

Cowell.—14th December, at Whitehall Farm, Ramsgate, Benjamin Cowell.

Downes.—14th December, Emily, wife of Arthur Clement Downes, of Ramsgate, aged 83 years.

Foreman.—15th December, at 21 Rancorn-road, Margate, Nora Eileen Foreman, aged 25 years.

Maycock.—16th December, at Isolation Hospital, Herne Bay, Pte. Thomas Maycock, 5th Buffs, of 66 Eaton-road, Margate, aged 23 years.

Quartermaine.—13th December, at 7 Park-lane, Birchington, Stephen Quartermaine, aged 59 years.

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. A. L. Boyes and family wish to thank all friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy and floral tributes, also the police and doctor for all their help.
—3 Clifton Villas, Pegwell-road, Ramsgate.

IN MEMORIAM

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